

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly takes notice that
3 some public defenders and assistant prosecutors in the
4 Illinois criminal justice systems are often burdened with
5 heavy caseloads that prevent the high quality of justice that
6 Illinois citizens deserve; and

7 WHEREAS, In order for the State to protect its moral and
8 ethical integrity, the State must ensure a justice system
9 that is staffed by attorneys able to give adequate attention
10 to each case; and

11 WHEREAS, A task force should be established on caseloads
12 in the Illinois justice systems to study appropriate levels
13 of caseloads and to make recommendations on caseloads
14 solutions for reducing current caseloads and maintaining
15 future caseloads at appropriate levels; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on Caseloads in
19 the Illinois Justice Systems is created and shall be
20 comprised of 19 members who shall serve without compensation
21 and who shall be appointed as follows:

- 22 (1) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
23 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
24 Senate;
25 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives;
27 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
28 House of Representatives;
29 (5) One member appointed by the Governor;
30 (6) One member appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court;
31 (7) One member appointed by the Illinois Public Defender
32 Association;

1 (8) Three members appointed by the Illinois Appellate
2 Prosecutors Association;

3 (9) Three members appointed by the Office of the State
4 Appellate Defender;

5 (10) One member appointed by the Office of the Attorney
6 General;

7 (11) One member appointed by the Illinois State's
8 Attorneys' Association;

9 (12) One member appointed by the Illinois Attorneys for
10 Criminal Justice;

11 (13) One member appointed by the Office of the Public
12 Defender of Cook County;

13 (14) One member appointed by the Office of the State's
14 Attorney of Cook County; and

15 (15) One member appointed by the Illinois State Bar
16 Association;

17 The Task Force shall select one of its members as
18 chairperson; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings
20 and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly,
21 and to the Illinois Supreme Court no later than October 1,
22 2002.